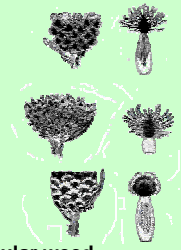


Meadow Knapweed (*Centaurea pratensis*)

NRCS has introduced a new program under the 2006 Colorado EQIP Invasive Plant Program to address this particular weed.



Features:

- Native of Europe
- Member of the Sunflower family
- A perennial that grows up to 3.5 feet tall with many branches
- Lower leaves are entire, coarsely lobed or toothed
- Flower heads are large and pink- to purplish-red
- Bracts are deeply fringed and are light to dark brown
- Considered to be a hybrid between brown and black knapweed
- Invades roadsides, waste areas, fields and pastures

How YOU Can Help

- ✓ Learn to identify invasive plant species in your area.
- ✓ Report sightings of invasive species to your local county or land management agency.
- ✓ Do not pick wildflowers or plants. They may be invasive species and picking them can spread their seeds.
- ✓ Check local weed lists before you buy plants for your garden or yard.
- ✓ Clean all camping gear, clothing, and shoes before leaving an area to avoid inadvertently taking seeds along with you to the next campsite.
- ✓ Always stay on designated trails when camping or hiking, avoiding weed infested areas.
- ✓ Drive only on established roads or trails away from weed infested areas.

For more information on the identification and control of noxious weeds contact your local NRCS and Conservation District Office.